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SUPERBOWL T-SHIRT COUNTERFEITER SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS IN PRISON

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge James S. Moody, Jr., today sentenced Willie Smith (age 39, of Irmo, South Carolina) to six months in federal prison for selling counterfeit Super Bowl t-shirts following the 2009 Super Bowl in Tampa. The court also ordered Smith to forfeit t-shirts and screen printing equipment and to refrain from engaging in any employment related to manufacture, production, or sales of t-shirts, hats, uniforms, or any clothing merchandise during his term of supervised release. Smith had pleaded guilty on November 2, 2009.

According to court documents, on February 2, 2009, Willie Bernard Smith (a/k/a "Chill Will"), traveled from South Carolina to sell the counterfeit Super Bowl t-shirts at Raymond James Stadium. Approximately 165 t-shirts and one roll of NCAA holograms were seized when Smith was arrested. According to statements made at sentencing, Smith had a history of selling counterfeit merchandise, including at a NASCAR event in Daytona Beach.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laurel F. Moore.

